

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

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A RESOLUTION to honor Debbie Shedden for her service as
President of the Tennessee School Board
Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Debbie Shedden, who served as President of the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) in 2016; and

WHEREAS, now serving as the Immediate Past-President of TSBA, Debbie Shedden served as the 2015 TSBA President-Elect, the 2014 TSBA Vice-President, and the 2013 TSBA Treasurer; she served as the Northeast District Director from 2011-2012 and has served as the Federal Relations Network District Coordinator; she was also a TSBA GASB 45 Trustee from 2009-2012; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shedden was elected to the Hawkins County Board of Education in 2008, which she currently serves as board chair; she is the board-elected delegate to the Tennessee Legislative Network (TLN), and she has served on the TLN Board of Directors; she also serves on the Mid-East Tennessee Regional P-16 Council for Excellence in Education; and

WHEREAS, named to the All Tennessee School Board in 2011, Debbie Shedden achieved the Level V/Master Board Member status by demonstrating a high level of service quality, participating in board development activities, and sharing in leadership activities at the local, regional, and state levels; and

WHEREAS, in March 2015, Mrs. Shedden was one of eighteen members appointed by Commissioner Candice McQueen of the Tennessee Department of Education to serve on the

Tennessee Task Force on Student Testing and Assessment; in 2016, she served on the National School Boards Association (NSBA) National Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Debbie Shedden was the recipient of the 2011 Tennessee School Board Member of the Year - C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award, given annually to a board member in recognition of the member's outstanding service to the local board of education and community; she was also honored with the NSBA Distinguished Service Award that same year; and

WHEREAS, named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2014, Mrs. Shedden serves as secretary of the Rogersville Rotary Club and is the 2017 Rotary Presidential nominee; a 2013 graduate of Leadership Hawkins, she is a former president of the American Heart Association and an active sponsor of the local Interact Club and has served on the Rogersville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Shedden is perhaps most grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Bill, a supervisor for Kingsport City Schools and the current president of the Tennessee School Plant Management Association; together, they have raised four children, Jason, Austin, Katie, and Dolly, and are the proud grandparents of Austin, Launa, and Harper Rhea; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Shedden epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Debbie Shedden for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Debbie Shedden on her service as the 2016 President of the Tennessee School Board Association and commend her commitment to serving the educational needs of the young people of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.